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SUBJ: CCD - 710TH PLENARY MEETING, JULY 8, 1976

1. SUMMARY: INDIAN REP DISCUSSED ENMOD DRAFT IN
GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE FASHION. END SUMMARY

2. INDIAN REP (MISHRA), ONLY SPEAKER AT JULY 8 PLENARY,
DISCUSSED US-SOVIET DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE
CONVENTION, CHARACTERIZING IT AS TIMELY AND IMPORTANT,
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HE STATED THAT THRESHOLD CONCEPT OF DRAFT,

LIMITING BAN TO "ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES HAVING WIDESPREAD, LONG-LASTING OR SEVERE EFFECTS," WAS APPROPRIATE AND WOULD AVOID RAISING TRIVIAL MATTERS. FURTHER, HE SAID USE OF WORD "HAVING" IS MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND LESS CONTROVERSIAL THAN "INTENDED" OR "EXPECTED TO HAVE". MISHRA SAW NO NEED FOR BANNING THREAT OF USE AND SUPPORTED PHRASE "MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE" INSTEAD OF ALTERNATIVES PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED. IF HOWEVER, CONSENSUS FAVORED PHRASE "HOSTILE USE," IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. MISHRA ALSO FAVORED DRAFT'S APPLICABILITY ONLY TO OTHER "STATES PARTY", NOTING THAT THIS STRESSED IDEA OF RECIPROCITY OF OBLIGATIONS AND WOULD AVOID NEED FOR RESERVATIONS BY ADHERING STATES.

3. MISHRA SUPPORTED ARGENTINE CALL FOR REFERENCE TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AND FOR USE OF PHRASE "MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE" RATHER THAN "MILITARY USE" IN PREAMBULAR PARA 3, AS WELL AS CANADIAN SUGGESTION TO DIVIDE SAME PARA. HE RECOMMENDED FOLLOWING REFORMULATION OF PREAMBULAR PARA 4: "DESIRING TO PROHIBIT MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES."

4. MISHRA SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF AN ILLUSTRATIVE LIST IN ARTICLE II, AS WELL AS JAPANESE SUGGESTION TO ADD PHRASE "ICE AND SNOW MASSES ON LAND SURFACES." HE SUGGESTED REVISING PHRASE "THE EARTH, INCLUDING ITS BIOTA" TO READ "THE EARTH, ITS SURFACE, INNER OR OUTER CONTENTS, OR ITS ENVIRONMENT SUCH AS ITS BIOTA."

5. MISHRA STATED THAT PROVISION EXEMPTING PEACEFUL APPLICATIONS FROM CONVENTION'S BAN IS "ADEQUATE AND USEFUL" IN ITS PRESENT FORMULATION, BUT CALLED PROVISION REGARDING DOMESTIC MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT THE CONVENTION "NON-ESSENTIAL." IF ARTICLE IV IS TO BE RETAINED, HE SUGGESTED FOLLOWING REFORMULATION : "EACH STATE PARTY TO THIS CONVENTION MAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES, TAKE" HE CHARACTERIZED DRAFT'S LACK OF REVIEW CONFERENCE PROVISION AS "SERIOUS OMISSION."

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6. MISHRA AVOIDED TAKING SUBSTANTIVE STAND ON COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE (ARTICLE V), BUT SUGGESTED THAT TECHNICAL EXPERTISE OF WMO, FAO, WHO, AND USEP COULD BE USEFUL IN EXAMINING COMPLAINTS.

7. NEXT PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR JULY 13.DALE

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